

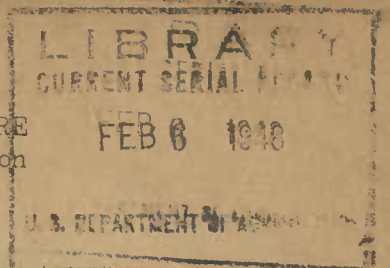
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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of November 1947

As was predicted, the refrigerator car loadings of fresh fruits and vegetables during the past month fell slightly below those for October 1946. Heavier in the early weeks, shipments fell substantially below last year in the latter part of the month, which has been responsible for some improvement in the over-all refrigerator car supply and the practical elimination of refrigerator car shortages in all the heavy producing areas of the country. However, the volume of traffic in these commodities is still extremely high in certain areas and the expeditious handling of refrigerator cars is still of the greatest importance in order to move these highly perishable crops from the producing areas to the markets.

The South Pacific, heaviest of all producing areas this month, will require more than 21,000 cars to move the fruit and vegetable crops produced in that region. Lettuce, oranges, celery, grapes, carrots and mixed vegetables alone, will require nearly 18,000 cars. Potatoes are moving in volume from the States of New York, Nebraska, North Dakota, Colorado, Idaho, California and Oregon and should reach the peak this month in Maine. Citrus fruits are now being loaded in volume in both Texas and Florida. Indications are that the mixed citrus, oranges and grapefruit shipments from both Florida and Texas will be somewhat heavier this month than they were a year ago. Tomato loadings from Texas this month will surpass those of November 1946.

While the recent storms in Florida will not effect materially the citrus loadings for this season, they have had a very marked effect on the vegetable loadings. The latter are comparatively light but will continue to increase during the next three months.

Loadings in the North Pacific Region are still very heavy while those of the Rocky Mountain, Southwestern and North Central Regions are tapering off.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 72,193 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during November 1947 compared with the 90,636 estimated to have moved during October 1947. This is a decrease of 2.0 percent as compared with the 73,695 carloads shipped during November 1946.

The principal loadings as estimated to move during November 1947 are listed below by State of origin and region.

North Pacific Region

Commodity	Estimated carloads		
	Washington	Oregon	Idaho
Apples	4,500	400	500
Potatoes	300	1,100	4,000
Pears	740	600	-
Onions	40	390	300
Lettuce	5	175	400

This region is expected to rank second among the fresh fruit and vegetable producing areas of the country for this month. Approximately 13,669 carloads are expected to move from these States during November. Those of the greatest expected volume are listed.

South Pacific Region

The largest movement for the month of November 1947, approximately 21,470 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables, is expected to originate in this region. Those moving in greatest volume will be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads	
	Arizona	California
Lettuce & romaine	2,000	3,300
Oranges	200	4,500
Celery	-	2,200
Carrots	300	1,100
Grapes	-	2,000
Mixed vegetables	160	1,800
Potatoes	-	950

South Pacific Region (cont'd.)

Commodity	Estimated carloads	
	Arizona	California
Broccoli	8	150
Grapefruit	300	15
Lemons	15	800
Cauliflower	5	300
Greens, except spinach	-	70
Onions	-	265
Pears	-	375
Peas, green	-	145
Sweet potatoes	-	125
Tomatoes	-	200

Rocky Mountain Region

It is estimated that this region will ship some 2,149 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables during this month. Those moving in the greatest volume will be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads			
	Montana	Wyoming	Colorado	Utah
Potatoes	100	150	1,100	150
Onions	-	-	400	90
Apples	-	-	80	8

North Central Region

Approximately 3,085 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will move from this region during November. Those moving in greatest volume will be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads		
	Nebraska	North Dakota	Minnesota
Potatoes	1,200	1,050	450
Onions	-	20	240

Southwestern Region (excluding Texas)

The total movement of fresh fruits and vegetables from this area is estimated to be about 816 carloads of which sweet potatoes will comprise about 68 percent.

Commodity	Estimated carloads	
	Louisiana	New Mexico
Sweet potatoes	536	4
Carrots	50	-

Great Lakes Region

The estimated carlot shipments to originate in this region during November 1947 are approximately 1,913. Those of the greatest volume will be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads		
	Illinois	Michigan	Wisconsin
Onions	-	400	95
Potatoes	25	200	225
Apples	225	150	15
Cabbage	2	1	350

New England Region

This region will originate an estimated 5,362 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables. With the exception of 100 carloads of cranberries, this movement will be almost entirely potatoes.

Commodity	Estimated carloads		
	Maine	Massachusetts	Connecticut
Potatoes	5,000	135	75
Cranberries	-	100	-

Middle Atlantic Region

An estimated total of 6,331 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped from this region during November 1947. Those moving in greatest volume will be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads			
	New York	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
Potatoes	3,100	290	200	-
Cabbage	750	-	-	-
Onions	690	-	-	-
Apples	95	5	60	200
Carrots	300	-	-	-
Celery	250	-	-	-
Cauliflower	190	1	-	-

Southern Region
(excluding Florida)

It is estimated that the Southern Region will originate approximately 1,150 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables during the month of November. The most important of these will be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads		
	Virginia	North Carolina	South Carolina
Apples	275	-	-
Cabbage	3	185	200
Spinach	140	-	-
Sweet potatoes	28	46	101

Florida and Texas

The movement of fresh fruits and vegetables from the State of Florida is estimated to be approximately 9,795 carloads and from Texas 6,453 carloads during the month of November 1947. Those moving in greatest volume are expected to be:

Commodity	Estimated carloads	
	Florida	Texas
Oranges & satsumas	5,500	580
Grapefruit	1,400	2,800
Mixed citrus fruits	1,800	700
Tomatoes	100	1,200
Tangerines	500	10
Mixed vegetables	200	490
Peppers, green	10	260
Beans, snap or lima	150	100
Cucumbers	100	-
Spinach	-	90
Sweet potatoes	-	86
Lemons	1	60

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Refrigerator Car Movements of Domestic Fresh Fruits
and Vegetables by Commodities and Regions /1

Regions & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Nov. 1946	Dec. 1946	Jan. 1947	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947	Jan. 1948
<u>New England Region</u>						
Apples	3	2	1	4	2	-
Carrots	1	-	-	1	-	-
Cranberries	110	-	-	102	-	-
Mixed vegetables	1	-	-	1	-	-
Onions	2	-	-	2	-	-
Potatoes	6,207	5,395	6,877	5,252	4,705	7,210
Totals	6,324	5,397	6,878	5,362	4,707	7,210
<u>Middle Atlantic Region</u>						
Apples	619	466	457	390	290	300
Beets	18	7	2	20	7	1
Cabbage	808	732	749	750	700	700
Carrots	316	173	172	300	180	160
Cauliflower	195	-	-	191	-	-
Celery	306	102	9	250	100	5
Cranberries	15	-	-	10	-	-
Mixed vegetables	38	31	33	36	30	40
Onions	687	376	558	690	350	400
Pears	16	2	-	20	5	-
Potatoes	3,497	1,124	1,361	3,590	1,210	1,290
Spinach	5	-	-	5	-	-
Sweet potatoes	20	20	54	29	71	50
Turnips or rutabagas	0	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	6,610	3,090	3,396	6,331	2,944	2,946

/1 States comprising the regions set up for forecasting purposes:

NEW ENGLAND REGION

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Connecticut

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

New York
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Delaware
Maryland
West Virginia

SOUTHERN REGION

Alabama
Georgia
Kentucky
Mississippi
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia

GREAT LAKES REGION

Illinois
Indiana
Michigan
Ohio
Wisconsin

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Iowa
Minnesota
Nebraska
North Dakota
South Dakota

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Arkansas
Louisiana
Oklahoma
New Mexico
Kansas
Missouri

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Montana
Wyoming
Colorado
Utah

NORTH PACIFIC REGION

Washington
Oregon
Idaho

SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

California
Arizona
Nevada

FLORIDA

TEXAS

Regions & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Nov. 1946	Dec. 1946	Jan. 1947	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947	Jan. 1948
<u>Southern Region /2</u>						
Apples	777	908	754	280	300	250
Beans, snap or lima	16	-	-	14	-	-
Broccoli	5	4	21	5	4	20
Cabbage	451	158	78	388	261	71
Greens, except spinach	21	106	201	20	104	193
Lettuce & Romaine	2	-	-	2	-	-
Mixed vegetables	75	46	50	71	42	35
Peppers, green	1	0	0	4	0	0
Potatoes	3	0	0	3	0	0
Spinach	206	43	5	140	110	4
Sweet potatoes	249	249	192	223	219	162
Turnips or rutabagas	-	6	1	-	5	-
Totals	1,806	1,520	1,302	1,150	1,045	735

<u>Great Lakes Region</u>						
Apples	413	104	71	393	105	70
Beets	24	-	2	22	-	-
Cabbare	400	97	88	394	100	80
Carrots	29	40	14	33	41	14
Cauliflower	1	-	-	1	-	-
Cranberries	4	4	-	3	3	-
Mixed vegetables	6	6	11	6	6	9
Onions	617	644	833	575	625	577
Pears	-	1	-	-	1	-
Potatoes	592	532	646	475	405	560
Sweet potatoes	9	2	-	8	2	-
Turnips or rutabagas	3	7	15	3	6	10

<u>North Central Region</u>						
Apples	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cabbage	21	4	6	22	5	4
Carrots	18	-	-	20	-	-
Mixed vegetables	7	3	2	5	3	1
Onions	282	183	258	285	180	206
Pears	1	-	-	1	-	-
Potatoes	2,617	2,427	3,423	2,730	2,585	3,675
Sweet potatoes	3	-	-	2	-	-
Turnips or rutabagas	20	12	7	20	10	5
Totals	2,969	2,630	3,696	3,085	2,783	3,891

/2 Southern Region excludes Florida.

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Nov. 1946	Dec. 1946	Jan. 1947	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947	Jan. 1948
<u>Southwestern Region /3</u>						
Beans, snap or lima	36	-	-	40	-	-
Cabbage	-	2	16	-	2	15
Carrots	57	17	-	50	15	-
Cucumbers	1	-	-	1	-	-
Greens, except spinach	-	1	-	-	1	-
Lettuce & romaine	40	-	-	40	-	-
Mixed citrus fruit	-	1	-	-	1	-
Mixed vegetables	30	66	52	29	60	50
Onions	17	10	1	17	10	1
Oranges & Satsumas	48	40	18	44	40	15
Potatoes	3	8	2	3	10	2
Spinach	19	41	-	18	37	-
Sweet potatoes	876	894	703	559	567	608
Tangerines	-	4	-	-	5	-
Turnips or rutabagas	16	1	1	15	1	1
Totals	1,143	1,085	793	816	749	691
<u>Rocky Mountain Region</u>						
Apples	84	14	1	88	20	5
Cabbage	41	2	-	33	6	1
Carrots	-	2	1	-	2	-
Cauliflower	6	-	-	5	-	-
Celery	8	2	-	8	2	-
Lettuce & romaine	-	-	-	2	-	-
Mixed vegetables	17	8	11	20	10	10
Onions	548	466	678	490	475	650
Pears	1	-	-	1	-	-
Potatoes	1,668	1,633	2,032	1,500	1,685	1,900
Turnips or rutabagas	2	4	-	2	4	-
Totals	2,375	2,131	2,723	2,149	2,204	2,566
<u>North Pacific Region</u>						
Apples	5,089	5,242	4,620	5,400	5,450	4,860
Beets	22	-	-	20	-	-
Cabbage	25	30	10	23	28	8
Carrots	25	20	3	30	20	2
Cauliflower	2	4	-	2	4	-
Celery	34	-	-	32	-	-
Escarole	1	-	-	1	-	-
Lettuce & romaine	491	-	-	580	-	-
Mixed deciduous fruits	68	54	43	66	50	55
Onions	767	686	693	730	680	530
Pears	1,336	1,417	611	1,340	1,200	600
Potatoes	6,406	5,399	5,671	5,400	5,000	5,250
Turnips or rutabagas	43	23	21	45	25	25
Totals	14,309	12,875	11,672	13,669	12,457	11,330

/3 Southwestern Region excludes Texas.

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Nov. 1946	Dec. 1946	Jan. 1947	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947	Jan. 1948
<u>South Pacific Region</u>						
Apples	3	3	3	3	3	5
Beans, snap or lima	9	1	-	11	2	-
Broccoli	155	237	266	158	240	275
Cabbage	40	114	247	30	115	270
Carrots	1,448	1,302	2,008	1,400	1,250	1,700
Casaba melons	36	-	-	35	-	-
Cauliflower	382	1,588	1,233	305	1,500	1,150
Celery	2,225	2,338	1,343	2,200	2,250	1,303
Corn, green	4	-	-	5	-	-
Eggplant	1	-	-	1	-	-
Grapefruit	313	155	188	315	155	190
Grapes	1,966	872	198	2,000	900	200
Greens, except spinach	67	102	117	70	100	112
Lemons	667	1,089	853	815	1,150	1,005
Lettuce & romaine	5,261	6,478	6,181	5,300	6,400	6,200
Mixed citrus fruits	36	88	61	32	80	60
Mixed deciduous fruits	4	-	-	4	-	-
Mixed melons	21	1	-	20	1	-
Mixed vegetables	1,929	2,020	1,793	1,961	1,950	1,700
Onions	292	127	124	290	125	70
Oranges & Satsumas	2,497	4,844	4,373	4,700	4,850	4,500
Pears	359	154	32	375	150	50
Peas, green	150	159	37	145	160	40
Peppers, green	13	-	-	15	-	-
Potatoes	983	687	653	955	728	703
Spinach	-	3	4	-	3	5
Sweet potatoes	129	64	29	125	62	30
Tomatoes	194	6	18	200	10	10
Turnips & rutabagas	-	-	4	-	-	5
Totals	19,184	22,432	19,765	21,470	22,184	19,583

<u>Florida</u>						
Beans, snap or lima	500	776	802	150	200	500
Cabbage	34	391	959	5	200	700
Carrots	-	-	11	-	-	8
Cauliflower	-	-	30	-	-	25
Celery	16	481	1,560	8	350	1,000
Corn, green	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cucumbers	170	46	1	100	50	2
Egg plant	8	5	1	3	8	2
Escarole	56	100	149	15	150	150
Grapefruit	1,222	783	1,494	1,400	1,000	1,500
Greens, except spinach	5	12	6	1	5	5
Lemons	-	-	-	1	-	-
Lettuce & romaine	14	26	30	2	15	15
Mixed citrus fruits	1,540	2,785	2,394	1,800	3,000	2,500
Mixed vegetables	485	948	1,226	200	500	1,000
Oranges & Satsumas	5,102	4,995	6,002	5,500	5,300	5,500
Peas, green	-	1	10	-	-	7
Peppers, green	61	134	173	10	90	100
Potatoes	-	43	171	-	10	100
Spinach	-	-	17	-	-	15
Strawberries	-	10	35	-	10	40
Tangerines	963	242	660	100	300	800
Tomatoes	645	1,007	1,263	500	1,200	1,200
Totals	10,822	10,785	16,994	9,795	12,388	15,169

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Nov. 1946	Dec. 1946	Jan. 1947	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947	Jan. 1948
<u>Texas</u>						
Beans, snap or lima	86	-	-	100	-	-
Beets	10	18	23	9	20	90
Broccoli	1	27	41	1	25	40
Cabbage	15	269	906	10	250	900
Carrots	26	107	373	25	100	350
Cauliflower	-	1	26	-	1	25
Eggplant	23	2	-	30	3	-
Escarole	-	1	-	-	1	-
Grapefruit	2,571	2,384	3,118	2,800	2,600	3,200
Greens, except spinach	1	1	3	1	1	2
Lemons	47	23	5	60	40	5
Lettuce & romaine	-	1	5	-	1	2
Mixed citrus fruits	581	1,070	803	700	1,100	800
Mixed vegetables	483	1,174	2,253	490	1,100	2,500
Oranges & satsumas	367	510	540	580	660	600
Peas, green	-	6	2	-	5	1
Peppers, green	261	139	15	260	140	10
Potatoes	-	3	10	-	2	10
Spinach	97	582	683	90	500	700
Sweet potatoes	106	159	188	86	129	200
Tangerines	9	24	2	10	25	2
Tomatoes	1,068	590	14	1,200	550	10
Turnips & rutabagas	1	3	15	1	2	12
Totals	5,753	7,094	9,025	6,453	7,255	9,459
Grand Totals	73,393	70,476	77,924	72,193	70,010	74,900

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